

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, as follows.

The present application is related to United States Patent Application entitled
5 "Programmable Presence Proxy for Determining a Presence Status of a User," United States Patent
Serial Number 10/672,635, (Attorney Docket Number 502084), incorporated by reference herein.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 14, as follows.

A presence proxy 210 keeps track of all of the communication devices 110, 130
10 associated with a user and the current presence state of each of these communication devices 110, 130. The presence proxy 210 may be embodied, for example, in accordance with the presence proxy 210 described in United States Patent Application entitled "Programmable Presence Proxy for Determining a Presence Status of a User," United States Patent Serial Number 10/672,635, (Attorney Docket Number 502084), incorporated by reference herein. Generally, the presence proxy 210 can monitor a
15 user's presence on one or more applications or portals at once (e.g., if simultaneously logged on to an IM application and to a Web portal). In this manner, the presence proxy 210 keeps track of the communication devices 110, 130 and applications that a user has available.